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March Egg Production Down 2 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.50 billion during March 2016, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.36 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2016 averaged 361 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,353 eggs, down slightly from March 2015.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2016 totaled 361 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 303 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2016, averaged 75.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from April 1, 2015.

Egg Production by Type — States and United States: March 2015 and 2016

| State | Total production | | | Table eggs | | | Hatching eggs | | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | Percent of previous year | 2015 | 2016 | Percent of previous year | 2015 | 2016 | Percent of previous year |
| | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (percent) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (percent) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 179 | 183 | 102 | 37 | 40 | 108 | 142 | 143 | 101 |
| Florida | 220 | 204 | 93 | 216 | 199 | 92 | 4 | 5 | 125 |
| Georgia | 409 | 421 | 103 | 238 | 244 | 103 | 171 | 177 | 104 |
| South Carolina | 102 | 108 | 106 | 78 | 84 | 108 | 24 | 24 | 100 |
| United States | 8,635 | 8,500 | 98 | 7,517 | 7,361 | 98 | 1,118 | 1,139 | 102 |

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Chickens and Eggs*, April 2016

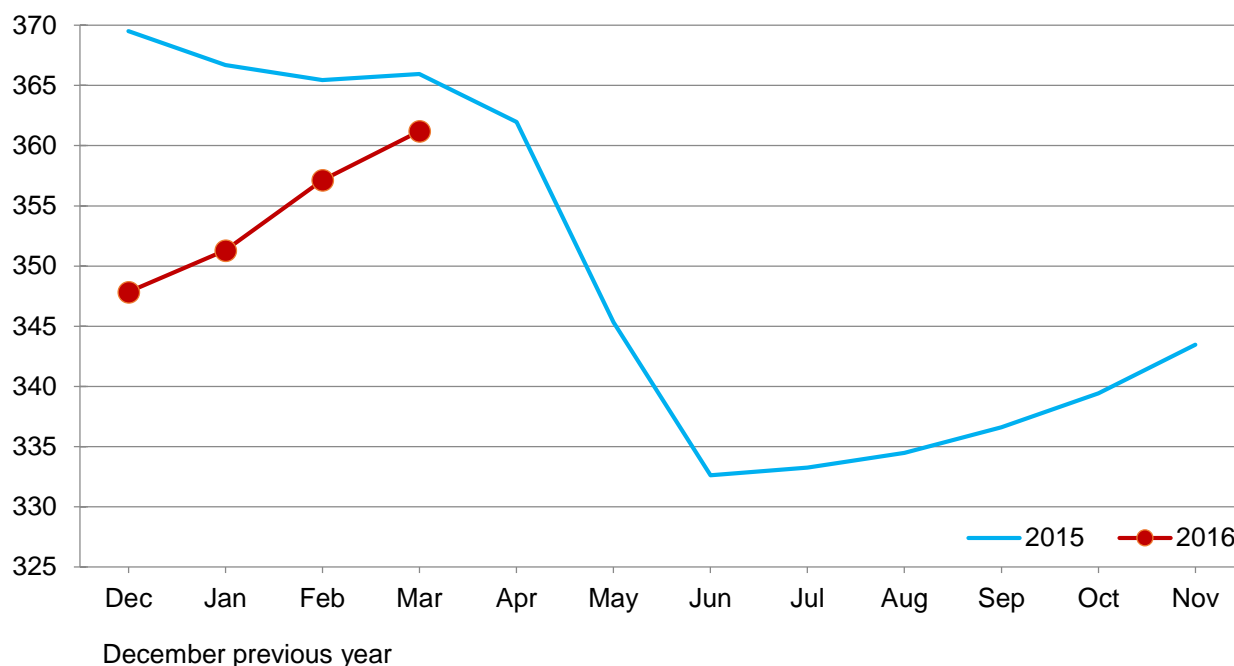
Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced — States and United States: During March 2015 and 2016

| State | Total egg layers in flocks 30,000 and above | | | All layers | | | Eggs per 100 for all layers | | |
|----------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | Percent of previous year | 2015 | 2016 | Percent of previous year | 2015 | 2016 | Percent of previous year |
| | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (percent) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (percent) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (percent) |
| Alabama | 1,465 | 1,566 | 107 | 9,178 | 9,271 | 101 | 1,950 | 1,974 | 101 |
| Florida | 8,755 | 8,574 | 98 | 9,148 | 9,004 | 98 | 2,405 | 2,266 | 94 |
| Georgia | 10,034 | 9,971 | 99 | 18,995 | 19,222 | 101 | 2,153 | 2,190 | 102 |
| South Carolina | 3,165 | 3,231 | 102 | 4,466 | 4,547 | 102 | 2,284 | 2,375 | 104 |
| United States | 298,523 | 292,920 | 98 | 365,951 | 361,200 | 99 | 2,360 | 2,353 | 100 |

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Chicken and Eggs Report*, April 2016

Average Layers During the Month — United States

Million layers



All Egg Production During the Month — United States

Million eggs

